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BROOKLYN.

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IS BLOWN UP.

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School Children and Several of Them
Are Hurled Into Pit Two Blocks
Long and From House to House.

NEW YORK, November 20.—Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a great section of Gold street, in Brooklyn, today. It is definitely known that fifteen persons were buried under hundreds of tons of earth and timber thrown into the air, and ten men are reported missing.

The exact number of dead cannot be determined until tomorrow, for those who are working to recover the entombed bodies must dig through fifty feet of dirt and rock, and tangled pipes and timbers.

The explosion occurred in a fifty-foot deep excavation that had been made in Gold street, between York and Front streets, where a water main was being laid. A gas pipe sprang a leak recently, and, in a manner unknown, a spark came into contact with the escaping gas. Immediately there was a loud explosion which lifted the earth for a block in each direction and shot dirt, paving stones and debris into the air.

When the smoke and dust had cleared away, it was seen that the street had been opened from doorstep to doorstep over an area of nearly a block. The loosened earth and debris had fallen in the excavation, burying a score of laborers who were at work when the accident occurred.

Great tongues of flame shot out of crevices, and beside them, geysers of water leaped into the air from the water main that had been shattered. Two bodies were sticking out of the wreckage.

Gold street was crowded with school children when the explosion occurred, and that scores were not killed or injured was remarkable.

A woman and three children were almost over the excavation when the earth crumbled under their feet, and they were swept down into the hole under tons of wreckage. Two other children were on the opposite side of the street when the sidewalk caved in, and the ylost their lives.

Samuel Trout, foreman of a gang of laborers, was near the woman and three children who lost their lives. He rushed forward in an endeavor to save them, but he, too, was drawn into the death hole. His body was the first recovered. It had been roasted almost to a cinder.

GRASS FIRE BURNS RANCHMEN.

EL PASO, November 20.—An area of 500 acres of grazing land lying north of Roswell, N. M., is on fire and the ranchmen in the burning country are fighting with back fires to save their homes. No loss of life has been reported as yet.

GILA VALLEY MORE PROSPEROUS THAN EVER

EIGHTY ACRES OF NEW LAND
NEAR THATCHER SELLS
FOR \$4500.

W. W. Pace Gives Glowing Description
of Conditions Along the Gila, Where
St. Joseph Stake Is Building One of
the Best Schools in the Territory.

W. W. Pace, manager of the Big 6 store in Thatcher, democratic councilman from Graham, and one of the Gila valley's most effective and persistent boosters, left this morning for home after spending yesterday in the city transacting business.

"The entire valley is in a more flourishing and promising condition than ever before in its history," said Mr. Pace last night. "There is a daily growing demand for acreage in this heaven-favored section and prices are gradually advancing. The other day a piece of land—eighty acres in all—between Thatcher and Central sold for \$4500. This land is not under the ditch and has never been cultivated. The

CATTLE DISEASE AFFECTS CHILDREN IN INDIANA

WASHINGTON, November 20.—Alarming results following the outbreak of a contagious foot and mouth disease in New York and Pennsylvania, causing those states to be quarantined against the interstate shipments of cattle, etc., were shown today in a dispatch which reached Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, stating that four children in Danville, Ind., had contracted the disease.

A rigid investigation is in progress to determine whether others have been affected similarly. Officials believe that the spread of the contagion will be checked, although they admit that the situation is grave.

GEMLICH WINS BY TWO VOTES.

ST. LOUIS, November 20.—Jacob F. Gemlich, republican, defeated Wm. Painter, democrat, for the office of lieutenant governor of Missouri by the narrow margin of two votes, according to a special dispatch to the Post-Dispatch from Jefferson City. The result purports to be the result of the revision count.

HICKS PROMOTED.

WASHINGTON, November 20.—Lieutenant Colonel James B. Hicks has been promoted to the grade of colonel and assigned to the command of the Fourteenth cavalry, stationed at Fort Walla Walla.

MINE BURNS MINERS PERISH

CAP LIGHTS IGNITED GASES AND
TERRIBLE EXPLOSION
FOLLOWED.

Three Known to Be Dead and Six More
Are Missing—Many Dragged Out in
Half Dead Conditions—Score of Men
Entombed in Burning Debris.

BUTTE, Mont., November 20.—Fire this morning in the Northwestern Improvement company's mine at Red Lodge, has caused the death of six miners and probably the death of many more. About twenty miners are entombed with but a faint chance for the escape of any of them. The known dead:

ANDREW JOKALA.
SAMUEL GASPERS.
JOHN WATSON.

Seven men were taken from the workings at 1 p. m., in a half-dead condition and are now in the hospital. The fire department members and fifty volunteers then started the work of rescue and within half an hour, skips were running with rapidly down the fourth entry and a hundred men were loaded on cars and brought to the surface, many of them completely exhausted and others lifeless.

Those rescued declared that there is little hope for the greater number of those who are still entombed, but this belief is not shared by the mine officials.

The pit boss, Wm. Haggerty, when carried up in one of the skips, was almost overcome, but was restored by the physicians. He remained bravely to his post until the very last, in an endeavor to save his men, and after recouping, made frantic efforts to go back into the mine.

Everything within the vicinity of the mine was in the wildest confusion and it was an impossibility at first to get check on the miners from the payroll. The fire is terrific, judging from the immense volume of smoke and fire which is being emitted from the second entry.

A careful check of the miners tonight shows that three men are dead and six missing. The missing miners attempted to escape by No. 2 entry, and it is stated that there is not a chance that they have escaped, as in that portion of the mine the fire is raging fiercely. The fire was started by the lights on the caps of the miners, and tonight it was still unchecked. The damage will be very heavy.

price may seem high, but the land will soon pay for itself under cultivation. "Alfalfa is now selling in the valley at \$13 per ton, which is \$2 higher than at this time last year. The producer has but little hay left, however. The season has been unusually good, the price never falling below \$8.

"The new academy being erected by St. Joseph stake at Thatcher is going up rapidly and will be completed and ready for occupancy by March 1. The building will be three stories high, with a basement. The workmen are now up to the third floor. When completed, this building will make Thatcher the home of one of the finest educational institutions in the territory."

ROCKEFELLER KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT REBATES

CRUELING CROSS EXAMINATION
FAILS TO ELICIT MUCH
FROM MAGNATE.

LAST YEAR'S DIVIDENDS WERE
FORTY MILLION, AND AS
MUCH WAS EARNED.

Witness Continues Bland and Imper-
turbable, Answering Readily, Except
When He Says That He Cannot Re-
member After Thirty-five Years.

NEW YORK, November 20.—For over five hours today, John D. Rockefeller, a witness for the defense in the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company, faced an unceasing fire of questions from federal counsel, Frank B. Kellogg, and when adjournment was taken until Monday, the head of the oil combine was still being cross examined on the charge that the company in its early days accepted rebates to the disadvantage of its rivals.

Rockefeller's cross examination will probably not be concluded until late Tuesday, as Kellogg has made it known that he would question Rockefeller on every detail of the company's business.

The enormous earning power of the oil combination was sharply brought out in today's hearing, when Mr. Rockefeller, after stating that the Standard paid dividends amounting to forty millions in 1907, said it had earned as much more and that this was added to the company's surplus, which was stated by government's counsel to be three hundred million dollars.

It was further declared by Kellogg that the company, within the last eight years, had earned nearly half a billion dollars.

The course of Rockefeller's testimony in the hands of government counsel ran not so smoothly as yesterday, when he told his story under the direction of friendly counsel, but the rapid fire of interrogations by the prosecutor were always met with unshaken imperturbability and readiness to answer, except when, as he explained:

"It is quite impossible for me to remember after thirty-five years. I do not recall."

Mr. Rockefeller was questioned closely regarding the rebates which the Standard was accused of accepting, but with the exception of the agreement with the Pennsylvania railroad, which, Rockefeller explained, gave the company a rebate in order to equalize oil rates, he could not recall any other rebate.

The president of the Standard Oil company, when he learned that government's counsel would not be able to conclude his cross examination by tomorrow night, suggested an adjournment until Monday, which was agreed to.

CHOKED TO DEATH ON PIECE OF BEEF

SYLVANITE MINER AFTER NEARLY
STARVING TO DEATH, DIES
IN BOLTING PART OF HIS FIRST
MEAL IN MANY DAYS.

DOUGLAS, November 20.—News has been received from Sylvanite of the pitiful death of one of the first prospectors who arrived in the camp. His name is W. A. Rand and for thirty years he had been a prospector. The store of his death is that Rand had been out in the mountains for several days prospecting; that he had become lost and wandered around in a dazed and starving condition until finally he sighted the camp of Sylvanite. As he did he hastened with all speed possible to the little busy camp and being almost starved to death, rushed into a restaurant, snatched up a piece of meat and began ravenously to devour it.

In the condition that he was he failed to properly masticate it and it lodged in his throat, choking him to death in view of several customers of the little restaurant.

The piece of meat when extracted was three inches long and two inches thick. The body was buried at Sylvanite.

TAFT'S MISSOURI PLURALITY.

JEFFERSON CITY, November 20.—Wm. H. Taft carried Missouri by a plurality of 1,026, according to the tabulation of the official returns made by Governor Folk today.

Cage With 3 Cars Falls 1,200 Feet; Nobody is Hurt

Five or six men working at the bottom of A shaft of the Old Dominion company had a narrow escape from being crushed into a pulp yesterday morning, on graveyard shift, when the cage, hoisting three cars of ore, gave way when near the top of the shaft, crashed through two bulkheads and was stopped only by the third bulkhead, below the 14th level.

The shive wheel gave way under the strain, the sudden shock causing the cable to snap, and the heavy load went down with such force that the safety ratchet at the sides of the compartment was torn out all the way to where the cage was stopped, causing damage that will require two weeks' work in the repairing.

Five or six men were at work at the bottom of the shaft, which is being sunk to the 16th level. They were about 160 feet below the bulkhead that stopped the cage after its plunge of about 1200 feet, and but for the third bulkhead withstanding the shock, would have been smashed into jelly. As it is, about twenty-four men will be idle until Monday.



"UNCLE JOE" CANNON.

CANNON WILL LEAVE IT ALL TO CAUCUS OF HOUSE

DISCREDITS STORY THAT TAFT
WILL OPPOSE HIM FOR
SPEAKERSHIP.

Uncle Joe Says He Does Not Believe
That President Will Undertake to Or-
ganize the House—"I Endorse the
Republican Platform."

DANVILLE, November 20.—Speaker Cannon's attention was today called to a story sent out from Hot Springs, Va., to the effect that Taft would oppose Cannon's re-election to the speakership on the ground that "Uncle Joe" would not undertake in good faith a revision of the tariff. Cannon said:

"I don't believe that the president-elect will undertake to organize the house. In common with the president, I endorse the republican national platform and am entirely willing to abide by the action of a republican caucus to determine the organization of the house."

NO SLATE, SAYS TAFT.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., November 20.—"I wish you would say that my cabinet is not made up or slated. No one has been decided upon for any place in it, and no offers of any cabinet position has been made to any one."

This was the response that President-elect Taft made today to a statement from Minneapolis, that Frank B. Kellogg had been invited to become attorney general in the Taft cabinet.

RUSSIANS MOUEN ALEXIS.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 20.—St. Petersburg has assumed the garb of mourning for the funeral of Grand Duke Alexis, which will take place tomorrow.

Seven inches of snow fell today and the streets will be in bad condition tomorrow in case of a thaw, but arrangements will doubtless be made to clean the route.

LATHAM REQUISITION HONORED.

PORTLAND, Ore., November 20.—Governor Chamberlain tonight honored the requisition of Governor Gillett of California, for the return of Alexander Latham to that state, where he is wanted in connection with the bribery graft cases.

CONSERVATION OF FORESTS AND TARIFF REVISION

CHAMP CLARK OF MISSOURI IS
FOR FREE TRADE TO HELP
SAVE FORESTS.

TIMBER MEN ARGUE THAT THEY
NEED PROTECTION FOR
INDUSTRY.

"Universal Grab Game," Says Clark—
"They Have Not Heard Me Talk."
Says Lumber Manufacturer When
Told of Attitude of Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, November 20.—"We have already crossed the verge of a timber famine, so severe a blight that it will be felt in every hamlet in the land," said Theodore M. Knapp, a real estate dealer of Minneapolis, at today's hearing on tariff revision before the ways and means committee, and he added: "In five years every saw mill in Minnesota will be abandoned. Yet this industry in its prime employed 10,000 men."

He spoke for the repeal of the duty on timber, saying that American labor had nothing to fear from free trade, as Canadian labor was as high as labor in this country.

That protection was needed was asserted by J. B. White, a lumber manufacturer of Kansas City, in asking that the present rate of duty on lumber be retained, if not increased. He argued that a protective tariff would tend to conserve the forests of the country, on the theory that every stray log in the forests would be used in manufacture.

"How about President Roosevelt," Gifford Pinchot and these other gentlemen who are arguing for free trade in lumber in order to conserve the forests of the country?" asked Champ Clark.

"They have not heard me talk," was the ready reply.

Champ Clark claimed that the high price of lumber was due to speculation on the part of lumber producers.

The witness argued that the price of stumpage, one of the principal cost items in procuring lumber, was too high.

J. A. Freeman of St. Louis, M. E. Skinner of San Francisco and C. W. Nibley of Oregon, added their voices to the appeal for a continuation of a protective tariff on lumber. Nibley admitted that profits were 10 to 15 per cent under a protective tariff.

The committee took a recess until 7 o'clock, resuming the hearing an hour later, when several lumbermen and witnesses interested in reeds and rattan appeared in favor of a protective tariff.

"The Universal grab game," was the appellation given the tariff by Representative Clark of Missouri at the hearing.

TOMBSTONE MAN WHIPS DRUMMER

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RICAL TROUPE IN TOMBSTONE.

TOMBSTONE, Nov. 20.—A drummer by the name of Cobbin is alleged to have made himself objectionable here today with some of the Earl Burgess company, who reported to the management that he had insulted them.

A young man by the name of Copping proceeded to beat him up unmercifully. He knocked him down several times and blacked both of his eyes. The drummer is alleged to have drawn a knife and attempted to stab Copping in the back, but did no further injury than cutting his coat. He was arrested on the spot, and as the company did not wish to return to appear before the grand jury, he received a fine and some good wholesome advice.

INDIVIDUAL BETTING LEGAL.

NEW YORK, November 20.—That personal, or what has been termed "individual betting," is legal at race tracks in this state, was the opinion of the judges of the appellate division of the Supreme court, made public in a decision in the case brought by Assistant District Attorney Elder, to determine the application of the Agnew-Hart bill on this point. The decision is in favor of the Brooklyn Jockey club.

VAN VLISSENGEN FORGERIES AMOUNT TO \$1,539,423

CHICAGO, November 20.—After an examination of the various documents in the office of Peter Van Vlisengen, the convicted forger of mortgages, notes and trust deeds, on his own confession, William C. Niblack, vice president of the Chicago Title & Trust company, receiver for the Van Vlisengen properties declared today the forgeries amounted to \$1,539,423.

ESPEE RUSHES WORK.

RENO, Nev., November 20.—The Southern Pacific has established a nine-hour day in the railroad shops at Sparks, after operating for years on an eight-hour basis. The move was necessary because of the increased business over the company's lines, which puts extra work in the shops. It is estimated that \$10,000 will be added monthly to the circulation in this vicinity.

COURT MARTIAL ON LOUISIANA.

MANILA, November 20.—A court martial with Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder as president, and Major Williams as judge advocate, convened on the battleship Louisiana today, for the purpose of trying Lieutenant Commander Jewell, of the Louisiana and Lieutenant Bowers of the Rhode Island, on charges of personal misconduct during the visit of the fleet to Japan.

CITY WINS; RANCHER LOSES

JUDGE NAVE INSTRUCTS FOR
JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT
IN RUNAWAY CASE.

J. W. Hamm Asked for \$12,000 Dam-
ages for Personal Injuries to His
Wife By Garbage Wagon in Runaway
on July 4 of Last Year.

At the direction of Judge Nave, presiding in the district court, the jury in the case of J. W. Hamm vs. the City of Globe, returned a verdict for the defendant, dismissing the plaintiff's claim of \$12,000 damages for personal injuries to his wife, July 4, 1907, when she was run over by a garbage wagon in a runaway alleged to have been caused by fireworks on the street. One of Hamm's children received injuries from which she died some time later, at the same time, and on that cause he has also filed a suit for \$13,000, which has not yet been tried.

When trial of the case was resumed yesterday, the plaintiff called to the stand Sheriff J. H. Thompson, Donald Haverley, Tip Henderson, J. H. Welch, Charles L. Baker, Mary A. Blake, Samuel May, Mrs. Hamm, H. H. Bru and Dr. A. F. Maiese. At the conclusion of their testimony, City Attorney Alfred moved that the case be dismissed, as there was nothing to show that the garbage wagon which was held to have injured the plaintiff's wife was the property of the city. The court ruled accordingly.

Frank Williams, charged with assault to commit murder, was discharged on motion of the district attorney.

Thomas Harris, charged with shooting with intent to murder Mrs. Woods, a colored woman, was allowed to withdraw his plea of not guilty and to plead to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He will be sentenced Monday.

LILLER EXPLAINS PLANS.

NEW YORK, November 20.—Colonel William C. Liller, chairman of the national league of democratic clubs, in a statement issued tonight regarding his call for a meeting of the representatives of all Bryan clubs and democratic organizations throughout the country, to be held at Washington on December 8, 9 and 10, next, said that it was the purpose of the league to maintain intact the organization now existing and to strengthen the league so as to eliminate the work of re-organization at the beginning of each campaign.

TO HELP IMMIGRANTS.
WASHINGTON, November 20.—All the members of the cabinet attended the regular meeting today, except Secretary Meyer, Garfield and Wilson. Secretary Straus of the department of commerce and labor, developed a comprehensive plan for aiding the unemployed of the country. This plan he will announce and explain in his annual report to be made public in a few days. It partakes of the principles underlying an organization bureau of information in the immigration service. The bureau gathers information from those who seek to engage labor and furnishes information to immigrants.

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Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, the election of officers will be the special order of business. All of the old officers will probably be elected with the exception of Vice President Daniel J. Keefe, and even he may be again voted into office. It is reported that the miners have decided to support Mr. Keefe for re-election, and they have the largest vote of any union in the convention. It is also reported that Gompers will not oppose Keefe, but this cannot be confirmed, as the president refuses to be interviewed on the subject.

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J. M. Barnes closed the discussion and, in the course of his remarks, denied several charges made by Gompers. Gompers desired to speak a second time, but Barnes objected. By this objection the socialists lost all they had gained by their eloquence, and the convention promptly voted down their amendment and adopted the debated section.

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PRINCE CHUN RUNS THINGS WITH A HIGH HAND

PEKIN, November 20.—It is becoming evident that Prince Chun, the regent, is taking the matters of government into his own hands and that he resents interference from the Dowager Empress Yehonala, or members of the grand council. A vigorously worded edict, issued by the regent today, in the name of the emperor, sets forth that his authority was received from the late dowager empress and that it commands obedience to him. It says in part:

"All imperial clansmen are ordered to give a greater degree of obedience than others; this is for the effect of the example. Disobeying princes and officials will be dealt with without leniency. Our purpose in this is to fulfill the command of the late dowager empress and to satisfy the people."

The wording of this edict indicates the existence of dissension in the imperial family, and a disposition to take matters into his own hands is indicated by other reports from the palace regarding the prince regent.